More than 45% anganwadis have no toilet and 40% have the facility of only urinal.

Nearly three-fourth of Anganwadi Centres have baby weighing scales.

Nearly 60% anganwadis have tumblers & plates.

Right from its inception, the Scheme envisages that accommodation for Anganwadis will be provided by the local community. In case, however, such facility is not available, a room can be rented also for the purpose. However, Government has, as a special case, sanctioned construction of 20,000 Anganwadi Centres in North Eastern States out of the budget earmarked for the North-Eastern Region. Construction of 33,272 Anganwadi buildings has also been sanctioned under the World bank assisted ICDS Projects. The rent for Anganwadi Centres has almost been doubled recently. The States have been advised to provide toilet and safe drinking water facilities through convergence with the Accelerated Rural Water Supply/Swajaldhara Scheme and Total Sanitation Campaign Programme of the Department of Drinking Water Supply. For all other inputs, funds, as per approved norms, are being provided to the States by the Central Government under the Scheme.

Out of 5652 ICDS Projects sanctioned by the end of IX plan, 763 Projects were in tribal areas.

In pursuance of its commitment, as enunciated in the National Common Minimum Programme, the Government has sanctioned 466 ICDS Projects, including 46 in tribal areas. These Projects are expected to become operational this year.

For improvement of public health infrastructure, Government has launched National Rural Health Mission in April, 2005.

All these measures are expected to improve the nutritional status & reduce mortality amongst children in the country including those of children in tribal areas.

ICDS workers

2094. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ICDS workers in different States and Union Territories category-wise;

(b) the amount of their salaries;

(c) whether their services are regular;

(d) if not, the decision of Government to regularise them;

(e) whether Government are going to enhance their wages before regularising their services; and

(f) if so, the programme in detail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) State-wise number of Anganwadi Workers/Helpers sanctioned and in-position, as on 31.12.2005, are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(b) and (c) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme envisages Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) & Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) as "honorary workers" selected from the local community who come forward to render their services, on part-time basis, in Anganwadi Centres. The amount of honoraria being paid to AWWs and Helpers, on an average, is Rs.1000/- per month and Rs.500/- per month respectively.

(d) to (f) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

Statement

State-wise number of Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers as on 31.12.2005

Sl. No.	State/UT	Anganwadi Workers	Anganwadi Helpers
1.	Andhra Pradesh	55077	56141
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2359	2359
3.	Assam	25416	25416
4.	Bihar	60041	59797
5.	Chhattisgarh	20128	20046

Sl. No.	State/UT	Anganwadi Workers	Anganwadi Helpers
6.	Goa	999	981
7.	Gujarat	35828	35685
8.	Haryana	13446	13526
9.	Himachal Pradesh	7096	7318
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	10520	10363
11.	Jharkhand	20389	20284
12.	Karnataka	39836	40237
13.	Kerala	25183	24908
14.	Madhya Pradesh	45932	45770
15.	Maharashtra	61987	60775
16.	Manipur	4496	4491
17.	Meghalaya	2218	2218
18.	Mizoram	1361	1361
19.	Nagaland	2770	2770
20.	Orissa	33502	33977
21.	Punjab	14604	14581
22.	Rajasthan	35613	35540
23.	Sikkim	496	499
24.	Tamil Nadu	42677	36258
25.	Tripura	3789	3761
26.	Uttar Pradesh	99325	100236
27.	Uttaranchal	6592	6574
28.	West Bengal	53490	53149
29.	A & N Islands	527	527
30.	Chandigarh	300	300
31.	Delhi	3852	3852
32.	Dadra & N Haveli	138	138

Sl. No.	State/UT	Anganwadi Workers	Anganwadi Helpers
33.	Daman & Diu	87	87
34.	Lakshadweep	74	74
35.	Pondicherry	677	677
	All India:	730825	723676

Deteriorating condition of women

†2095. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United Nations institution UNICEF has made an assessment in its annual report published in the year 2006 that the condition of women in India is deteriorating constantly;

(b) if so, whether Government have seen the report; and

(c) the details of the report and the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) UNICEF's Annual Report 2006 has not so far been published.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Children died of malnutrition

2096. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1.2 million children under five die from malnutrition every year in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps being taken by Government to prevent children dying from malnutrition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Malnutrition is not a direct but an underlying cause of death as it

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.